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Applicants respectfully submit that the provisional election is to a broader invention encompassing the elected compound, as noted by the Examiner in the paragraph bridging pages 4-5 of the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement ("The scope of an independent invention will encompass all compounds within the scope of the claims, which fall into the same class and subclass as the elected compound, but may also include additional compounds, which fall in related subclasses").

Further, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of method claims 11 and 12 of Group II upon allowance of the product claims of Group 1 (claims 1-10), as the method claims of Group II depend from or otherwise include the limitations of the product claims of Group I. See MPEP § 821.04.

In view of the Applicant's above elections, the Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement and the Election of Species Requirement have been satisfied. The Applicants submit that claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-12 read on the elected species. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request examination of the claims on the merits.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to Attorney Docket No. 026220-00066. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 026220-00066.

Respectfully submitted,



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